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1. ON 11 APRIL AMBASSADOR RECEIVED LETTER FROM MINISTER OF MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT, MWANGA, RESPONDING TO OUR LETTER OF 30 MARCH LISTING AREAS FOR POSSIBLE PEACE CORPS ACTIVITY AND PROPOSING VISIT OF PROJECT DESIGN TEAM. WE ARE PROVIDING BELOW FULL TEXT OF MINISTER'S REPLY SO THAT MR. GAYMON WILL BE IN POSITION COMMENT ON IT WHEN ARRIVES NEXT WEEK. (AS NOTED REFTEL, WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR US TO HAVE SOON ETA OF SURVEY TEAM.)
2. BEGIN TEXT OF MINISTER OF MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT'S LETTER TO AMB. SPAIN DATED 7 APRIL.

"THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 30TH, 1978
THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS WILL, I HOPE, MAKE PEACE CORPS TOUR IN TANZANIA MORE BENEFICIAL:-

A) FIELD OF RECRUITMENT:

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO REQUESTS FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTIVE WORK IN SUCH FIELDS AS AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENGINEERING AND IN SUBJECTS UNCLASSIFIED

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FALLING UNDER THE MINISTER OF LANDS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.
RECRUITMENT OF PEACE CORPS PERSONNEL TO PARASTATALS FOR ROUTINE COMMERCIAL WORK WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE BUT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE FOR SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

B) HOUSING:

ALLOCATION OF NORMAL QUARTERS IS A PROBLEM. IT WOULD BE VERY WELCOME IF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE A GRANT FOR THE CONSTRUCTI

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OF HOUSES INITIALLY TO BE OCCUPIED BY PEACE CORPS STAFF, LATER BY TANZANIANS. AN ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE MOBILE HOMES (CARAVANS, TRAILERS) OR TENTS FOR PEACE CORPS STAFF WHO WILL BE WORKING IN THE FIELD.

C) EQUIPMENT AND TRANSPORT:

AS INDICATED IN RELATION TO HOUSING ABOVE, IT IS DESIRABLE THAT PEACE CORPS STAFF SHOULD COME HERE AS SELF-CONTAINED AS POSSIBLE. FOR STAF

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WHO WILL BE WORKING IN THE FIELD THE IDEAL APPROACH WOULD BE:-

- (A) A CARAVAN FOR ACCOMMODATION;
- (B) A JEEP OR MOTOR CYCLE FOR TRANSPORT;
- (C) RELEVANT TOOLS/EQUIPMENT (SURVEYOR TO COME WITH HIS OWN THEODOLITE AND OTHER SURVEYING EQUIPMENT).

D) POSTING OF VOLUNTEERS:

VOLUNTEERS ARE OFTEN MORE EFFECTIVE WHEN RECRUITED TO WORK AS A GROUP ON A SPECIFIC TASK. ONE VOLUNTEER WORKING ALONE IN ISOLATION MAY BE LESS EFFECTIVE.

E) DURATION OF TOUR:

IT IS FELT THAT A TWO YEAR TOUR IS IN MOST CASES TOO SHORT TO ENABLE A VOLUNTEER TO MAKE AN EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION, SINCE DURING HIS FIRST YEAR HE IS MAINLY ENGAGED IN GETTING TO KNOW THE COUNTRY AND ITS PROBLEMS IN HIS OWN PARTICULAR PROFESSIONAL FIELD AND ADJUSTING TO LOCAL CONDITIONS. IT IS THEREFORE, SUGGESTED THAT THE NORMAL LENGTH OF A TOUR OF DUTY FOR PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS IN TANZANIA SHOUL

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BE THREE YEARS RATHER THAN TWO.

F) I UNDERSTAND A SMALL TEAM SENT BY PEACE CORPS WILL VISIT TANZANIA THIS MONTH. IT IS MY HOPE THAT I SHALL BE ABLE TO MEET THE TEAM AS PARLIAMENT ENDS ITS SESSION AT THE END OF NEXT WEEK.

G) ENCLOSED WITH THIS LETTER IS AN ELABORATING OF THE OUTLINE OF POTENTIAL ACTIVITIES THAT PEACE CORPS COULD EFFECTIVELY CONDUCT IN TANZANIA."

3. AREAS OF POTENTIAL PEACE CORPS COOPERATION WITH TANZANIA
(AT ARTISAN, SEMI, AND PROFESSIONAL LEVELS)

A) HEALTH:

- MECHANICS: (1) REPAIR OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT;
- (2) X-RAY TECHNICIANS.

B) AGRICULTURE:

- (1) AGRO-MECHANICS:
 - REPAIR OF AGRICULTURE EQUIPMENT;
 - DESIGNING PROTO-TYPES OF FARM IMPLEMENTS.
- (2) EXTENSION SPECIALISTS: RICE AND OIL SEED PRODUCTION METHODS.
- (3) LAND USE PLANNING TECHNICIANS - VILLAGE LAND USE PLANNING.
- (4) FLOOD CONTROL SPECIALISTS.

C) NATIONAL RESOURCES:

- (1) FISHERIES SPECIALISTS;
- (2) AFORESTATION EXPERTS;
- (3) TIMBER UTILIZATION EXPERTS.

D) SMALL INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT:

- (1) EXPERTS ON USE OF FARM RESIDUES - MAIZE STALKS, ETC.,
- (2) BOAT BUILDING EXPERTS;
- (3) SMALL SCALE CANNING FRUIT, VEGETABLES, ETC. EXPERTS;
- (4) SMALL SCALE PAPER PRODUCTION EXPERTS.

E) EDUCATION:

- (1) MATHS/SCIENCE TEACHERS AT SECONDARY AND TEACHER TRAINING LEVELS;
- (2) TECHNICAL TEACHERS (INCLUDING ELECTRONICS EXPERTS); FOR TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL AND COLLEGES;
- (3) COMMUNICATIONS TEACHERS - FOR TEACHER COLLEGES

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- (USE AND REPAIR OF AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS);
- (4) AGRICLTURAL TEACHERS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

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